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**Peep! Peep! All aboard for more fun and excitement with Thomas the Tank Engine & Friends! This issue is full of thrilling tales and exciting things to do. The fun starts with our first story Mavis and the bridge, when Mavis needs a little help from her Scottish friend, Donald to cross a bridge! There's an exciting new number mural to collect which starts with number 1. Thomas proves he is more than just a Useful Engine when he goes Back to school in our Read & Play story. Our follow on feature shows you how to make someone special a 'thank you' card. Then in our final story Party blues, find out if Thomas is going out of service or is it all a big mistake? Plus, if you enter our great competition, you have the chance to win some fantastic Thomas models! Peep! Peep!**

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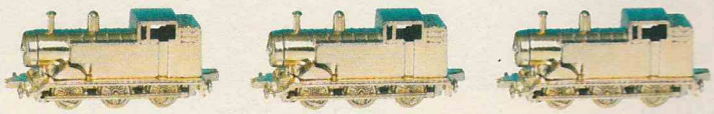

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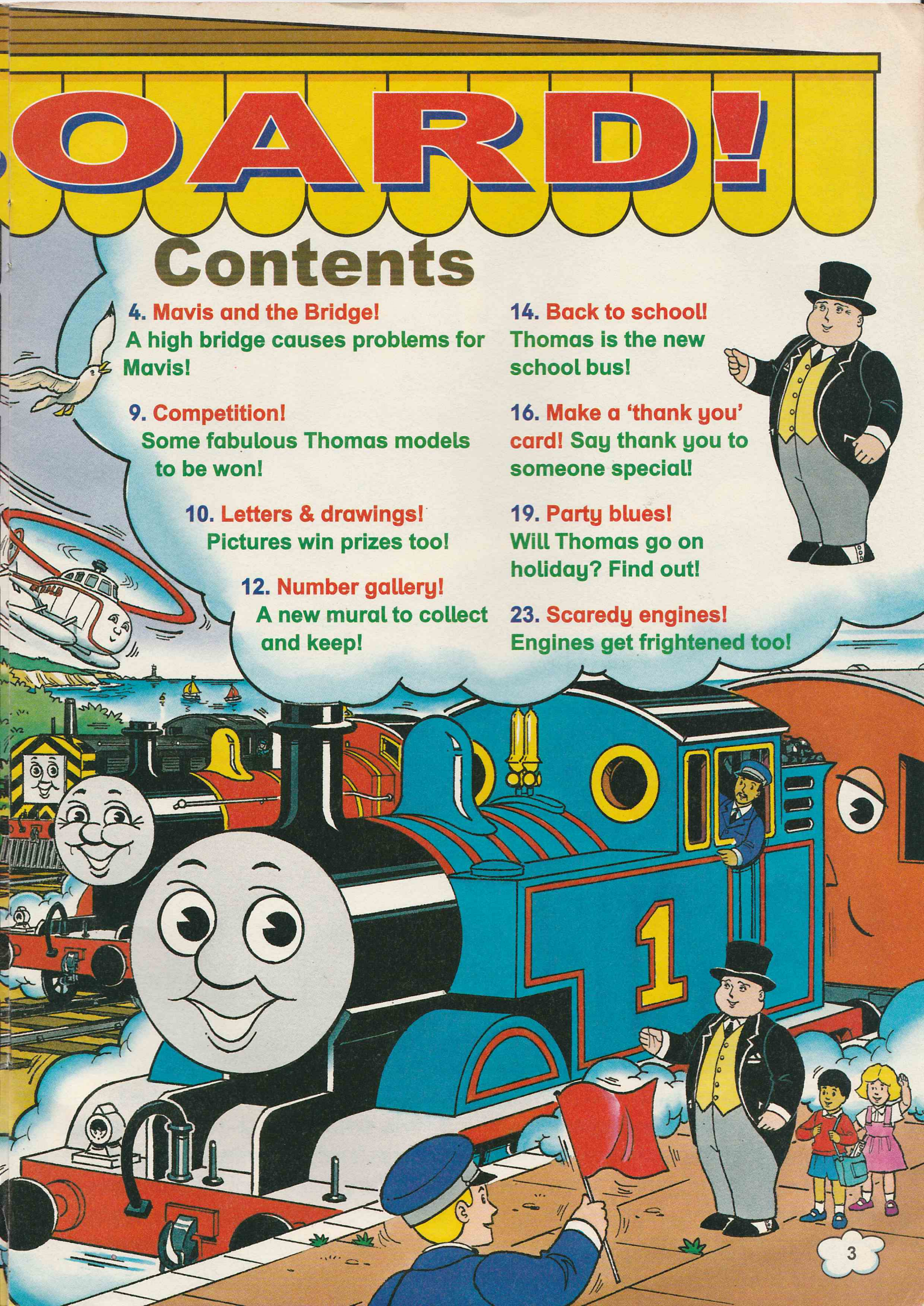
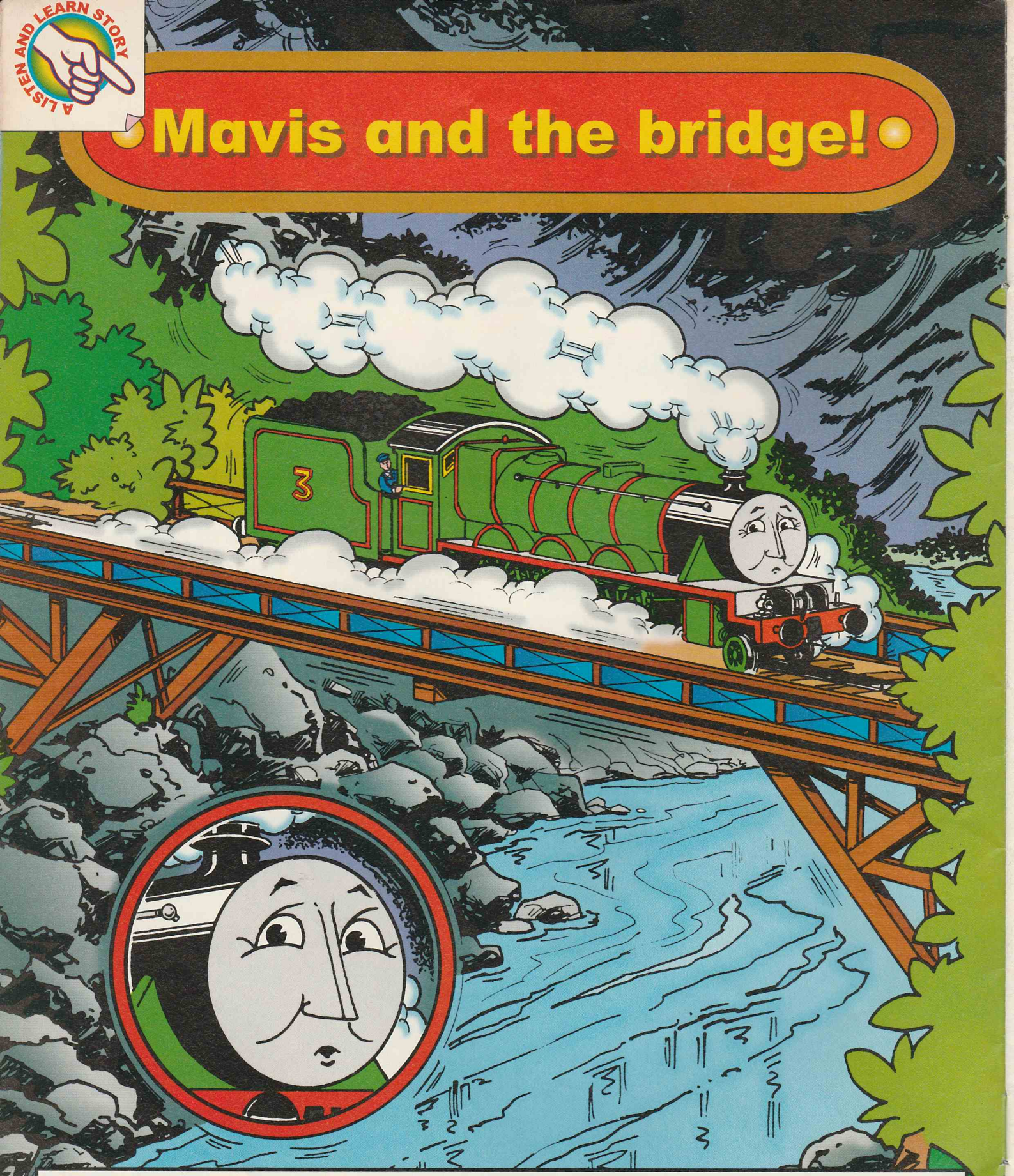
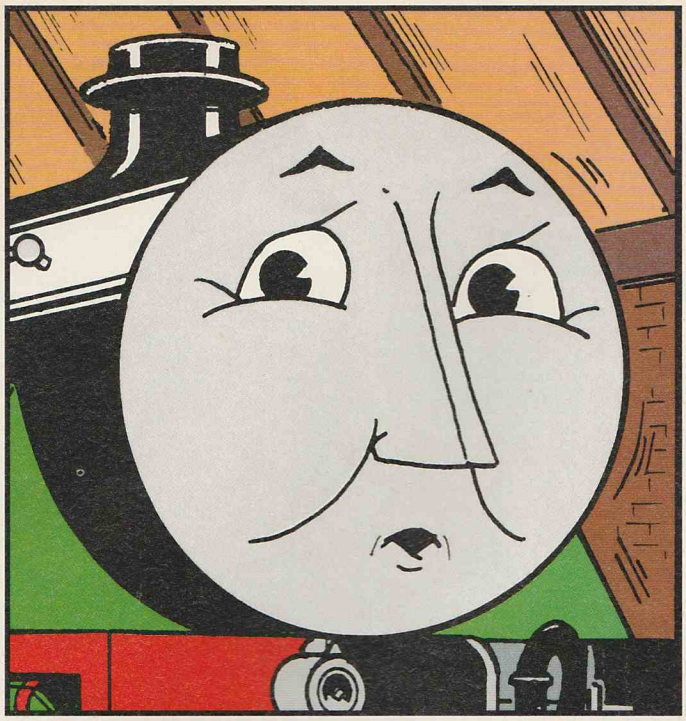


# Mavis and the bridge!

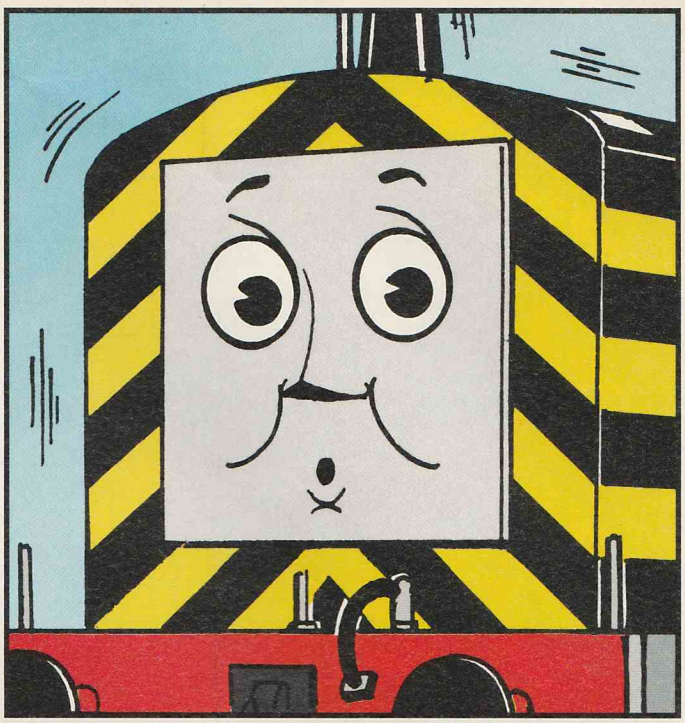



1. One night, a wild wind howled. Thomas and the other engines could not sleep. "It reminds me of the Great Gale," said Henry. "when I had to cross a very high bridge."

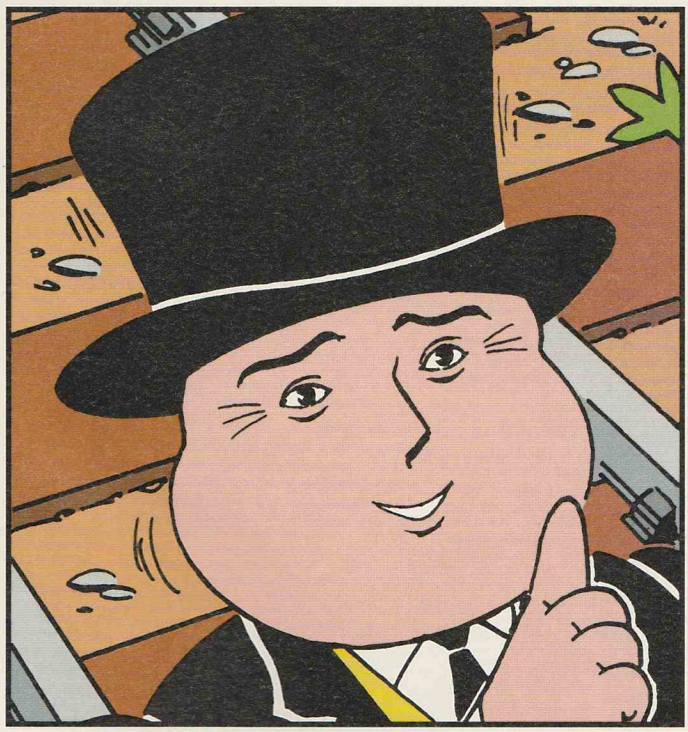
2. "What happened?" asked Mavis, who had not heard the story before. "I felt my wheels wobble!" said Henry. "I thought the bridge would crash down and take me too!"



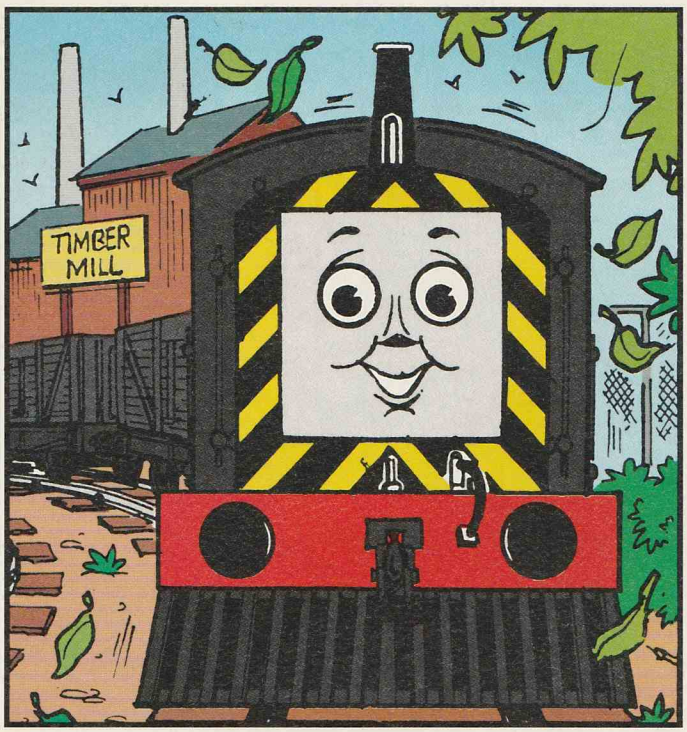
3. "How scary!" gasped Mavis. "Luckily, I made it safely to the other side," said Henry. "But, remember, Mavis, never go on that bridge!" Mavis was very worried.



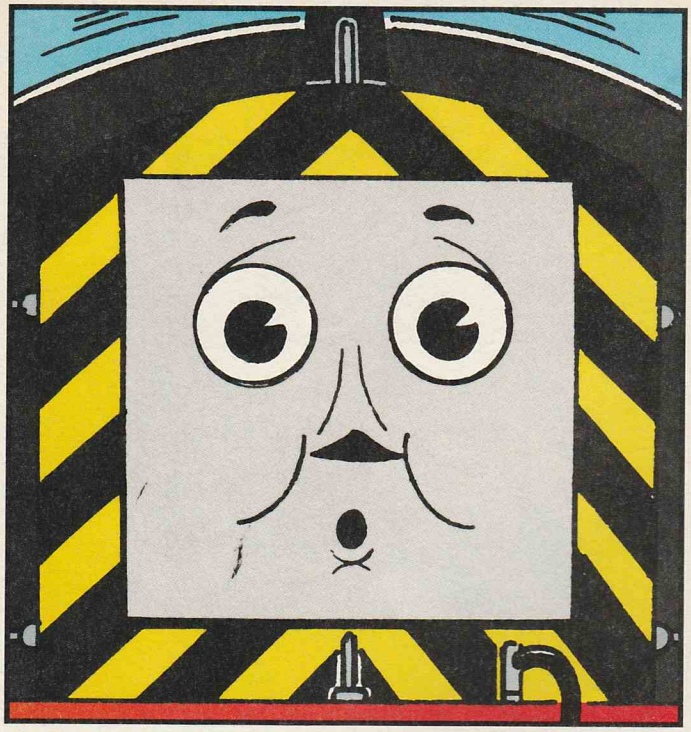
4. "I won't!" she said. "Where is it?" When Henry told her, Mavis felt happier. The bridge was on a line far away. "I'm glad I only work at the quarry," she smiled.



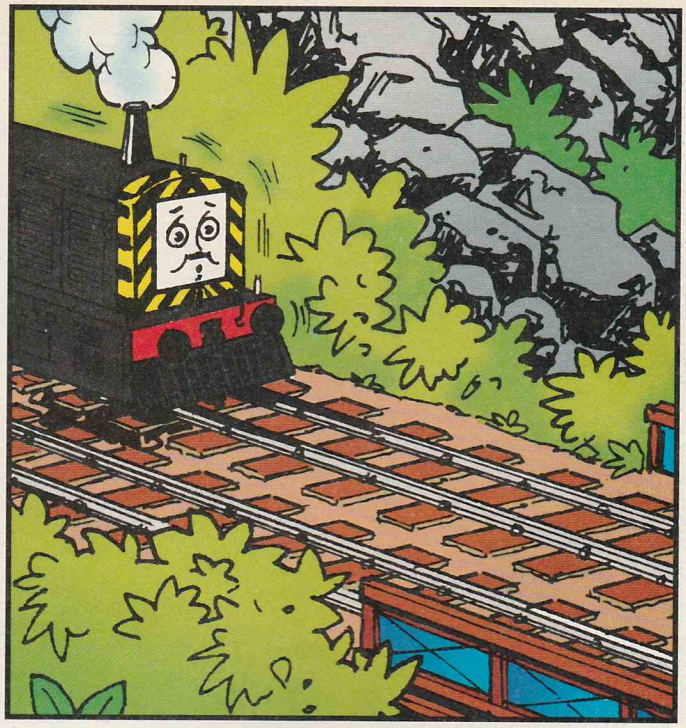
5. But, the next morning, the Fat Controller came to see Mavis about a special job. "You're to collect some timber from the other side of the Island of Sodor," he told her.



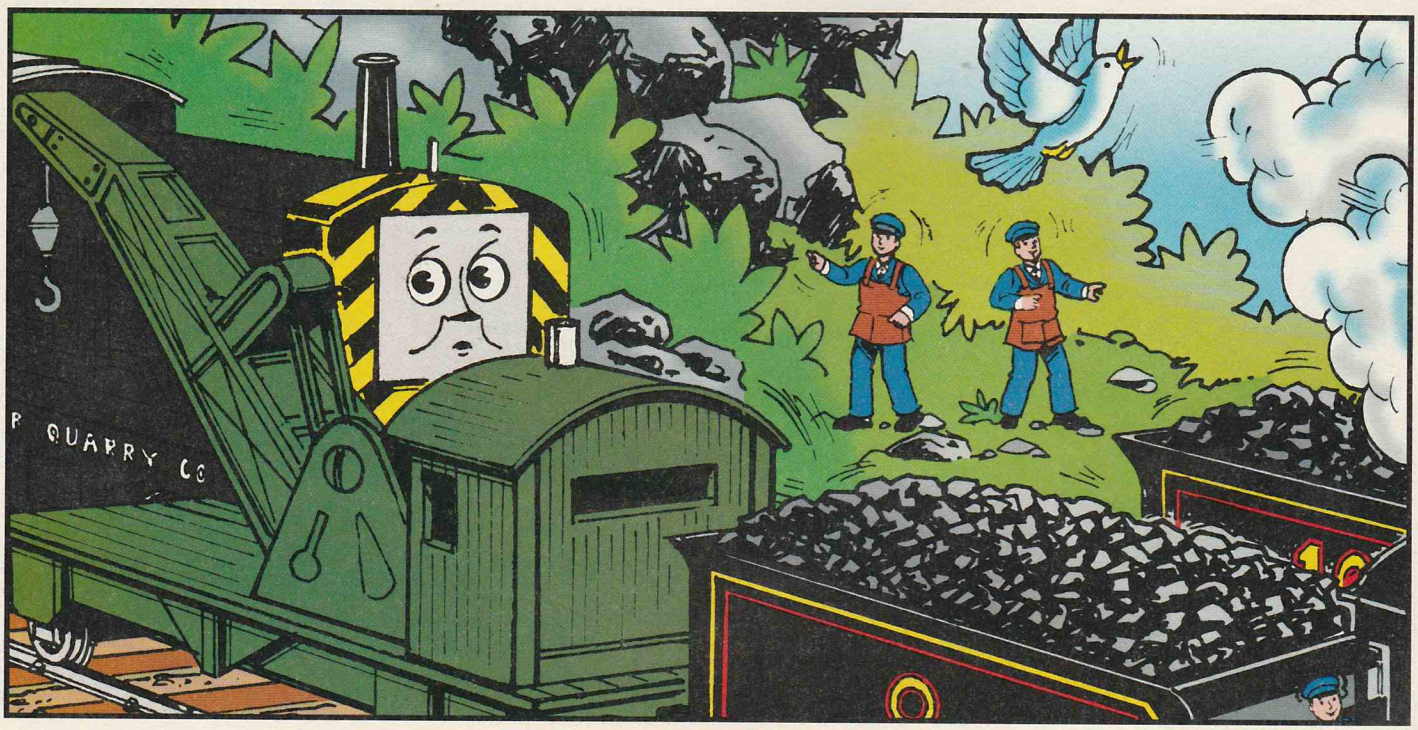

6. Mavis was surprised. It was still windy when she set off. "I hope there are no bridges," she thought. Mavis was pleased to arrive without crossing any.



7. Then her trucks were loaded with timber. But on the way back, a rail had broken. So Mavis's driver took her on another line. She was shocked to see a bridge.



8. "It's the one Henry warned me about!" gasped Mavis. She slowed down. "What's wrong?" called her driver. "That bridge!" replied Mavis. "I don't want to cross it!"

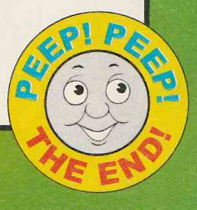



9. Suddenly, oil leaked from one of Mavis's pipes and she came to a stop. "Thank goodness!" she said. Her driver had to send for help. Soon Donald and Douglas arrived.

10. Donald pulled a crane on the line next to Mavis. It lifted her aboard a flat truck, coupled to Douglas. "Please don't take me over the bridge!" cried Mavis.

11. "I have tae, lassie!" said Douglas. "But Henry's wrong! It's perfectly safe!" As Douglas rolled on to the bridge, Mavis was very nervous. She didn't dare look. "I'm with yae!" Douglas called, kindly. "Och! What a grand view!" Bravely, Mavis opened her eyes. She could see miles across lovely countryside. Below was a river.

12. Boats were sailing on it. Now Mavis was enjoying herself. "I was silly to be frightened!" she said. "I like bridges!" Later, Douglas returned to get Mavis's trucks. That night, all the engines talked of her rescue. "I thought you'd never go on that bridge!" frowned Henry. "Thanks to Douglas, I'll never be frightened again," said Mavis.



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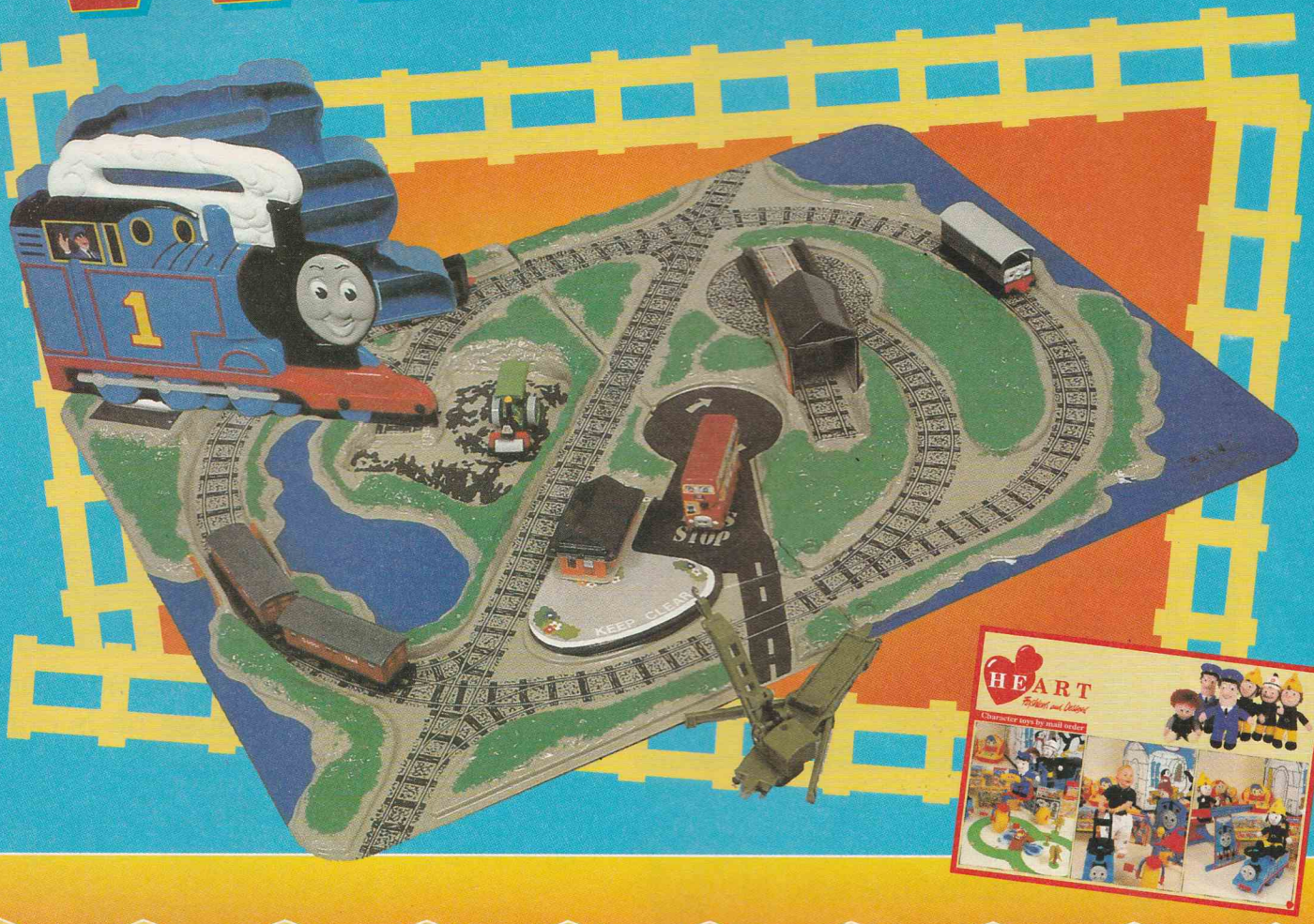






## Enter our amazing competition and you could win some really great prizes!!!

**As a first prize winner you will receive a carry case, together with a play track and 10 models which include Godred, Toad and George!**
**5 second prize winners will receive a carry case and 5 models!**
**Finally 10 runners-up will each receive the 199 Diesel model!**

If you would like the chance to win one of these great sets then just answer this really easy question: **What type of engine is George?**

If you think you know, then write your answer on a postcard along with your name, age and address, and send it to: **Thomas/Models Competition, Heart Fashions & Designs, 37a High Street, Walsall Wood, West Midlands, WS9 9LR**

**All entries to be received by 25th September, 1995.**

To obtain your **FREE** copy of the Heart Fashions and Designs catalogue or for more merchandise information contact Ian Lydall, at Heart Fashions & Designs at the above address, or telephone: 01543 377182.

This competition is open to all readers other than employees of Marvel Comics Limited and Heart Fashions & Designs. All prizes will be distributed via the manufacturer. We cannot accept any responsibility for prizes lost or damaged in the post. The Editor's decision is final and no correspondence shall be entered into.

# YOUR LETTERS

## STAR LETTER!

The sender of any letter that is printed as our STAR LETTER will win one of these Thomas push and pull motorised engines!

### WORK MATES!

Dear Fat Controller,
Please can you tell me who Mavis works with? I think she is Really Useful!
**Love from Nicholas Page, aged 8.**
***Mavis is a very useful engine and she has proved to be a real asset when working with Toby at the quarry!***

### ENGINE NAMES!

Dear Fat Controller,
Can you tell me where the engines get their names from?
**Love from Jonathan, aged 4.**
***The engines already had their names when they arrived on the Island of Sodor, but it is usually the engine drivers who choose their names!***

### STATION STOPS!

Dear Fat Controller,
Please can you tell me if Toby visits all the stations?
**Love from Christopher Fernihough, aged 3.**
***Toby works very hard in the quarry and he usually has little time to do anything else! Toby isn't a passenger engine, so there is no need for him to stop at all the stations!***

### PHOTO OF THE FORTNIGHT!

Dear Fat Controller,
Here is a picture of me with my younger brother and our models which we made after reading your magazine! We made Edward because he is our favourite engine!
**Love from Jamie & Tom Miller, aged 4 & 2.**

## BIRTHDAYS

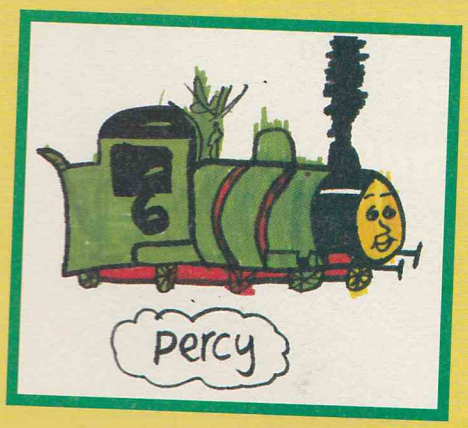
*Special wishes go to....*

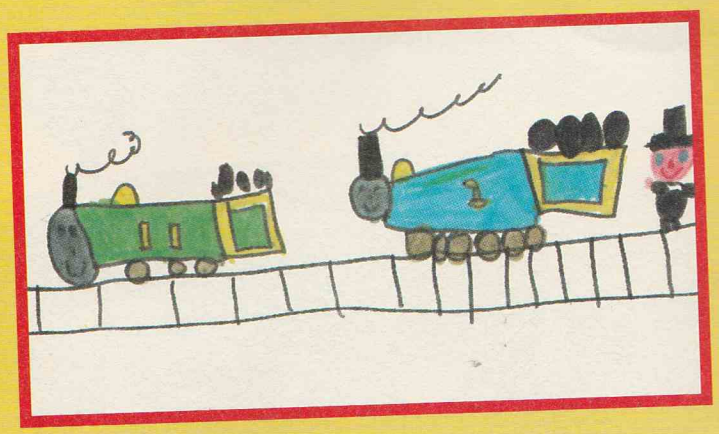
**Thomas Botts, Robert Mummery, Gary Barlow and Sam Welsh. Belated wishes to Mischu Watt and John Peters.**

# Drawing Board!

**Thank you for sending your smashing drawings and pictures to the Fat Controller's Drawing Board**

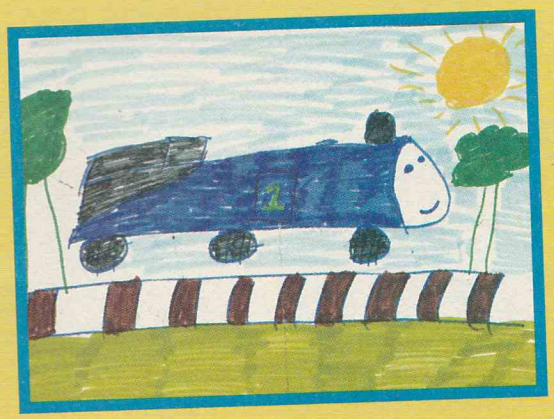
**Kelly and James McGrath, aged 10 & 5, have sent in a lovely picture of Percy!**



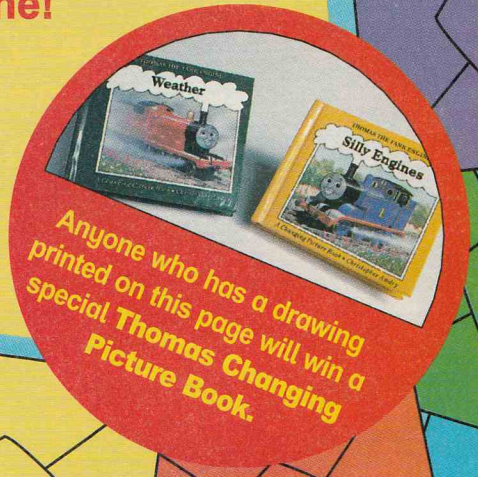
**Hilary Glaister, aged 6, has sent in a great picture of Thomas, Oliver and the Fat Controller!**

**This is a really great picture of Thomas on a sunny day! Thanks to Jeff Robson, aged 5.**



**Donald looks busy in this picture by Sam Thompson, aged 7. Well done!**

**If you would like to have your drawing or painting displayed on the page, then please send your entries to: The Fat Controller's Drawing Board, Thomas the Tank Engine & Friends, Marvel Comics Ltd., 13-15 Arundel St., London, WC2R 3DX.**



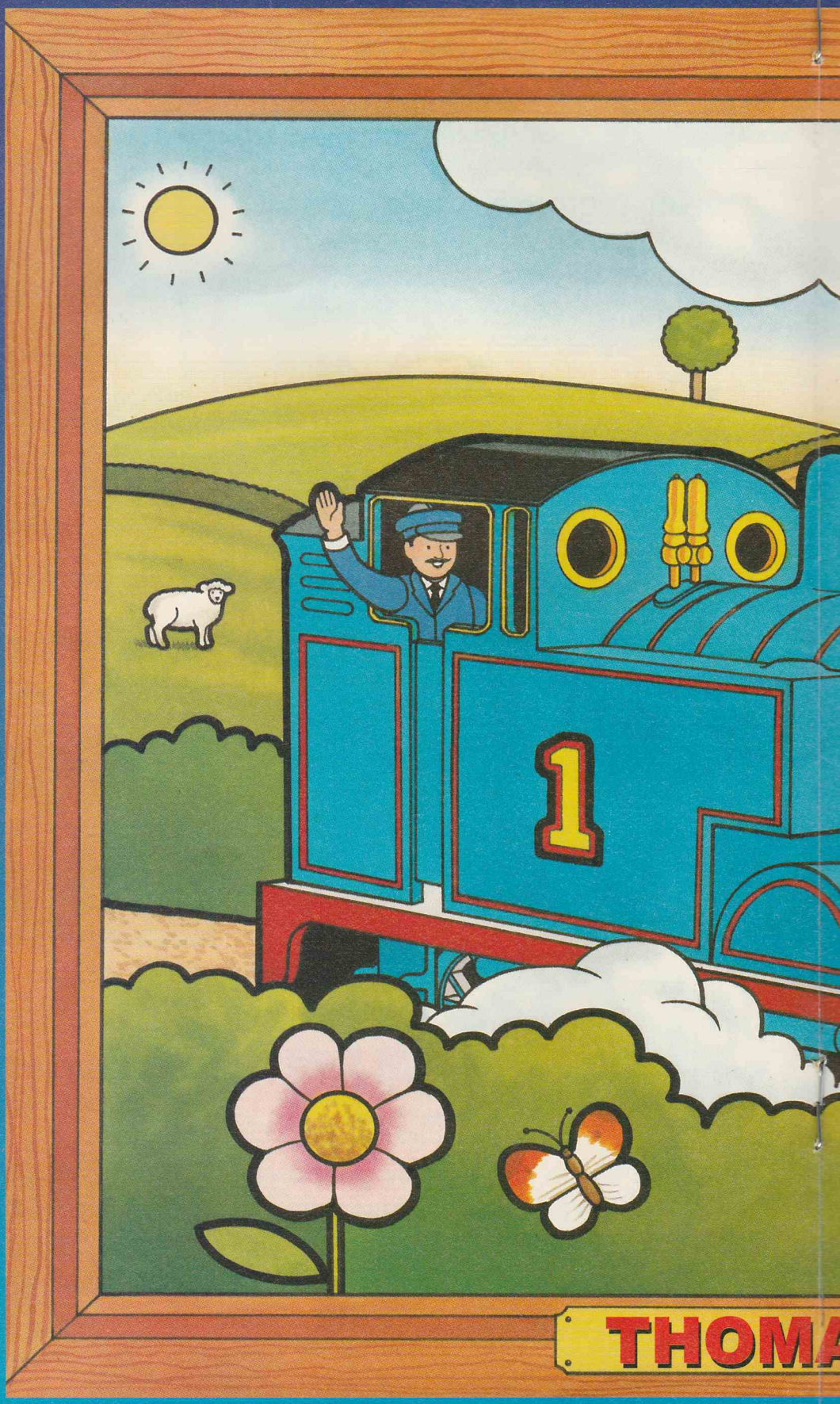
CUT OUT AND KEEP

# Number G

This is the first part of our fantastic new number mural! To make it exciting, we have added some cut out sections. You'll need to keep these to finish mural number 2 in the next issue of Thomas the Tank Engine & Friends!

**Here we go with some number fun; I wonder what Thomas can see?**

In a green country field there's a lonely sheep and high on a hill a tree. There's a scarecrow in a field of corn and a bird flying high above me!



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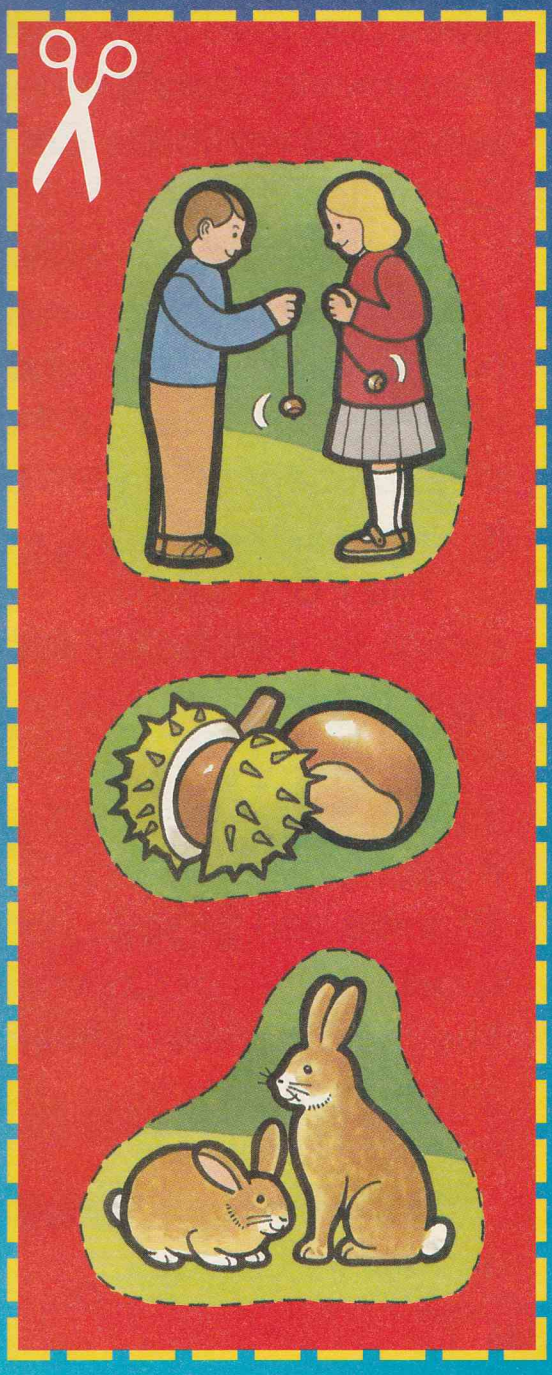


# Back to school!

The summer holidays were over and most of the tourists had left the Island of Sodor. It was time for the children to go back to school! Thomas was waiting at the Main Station yard when he heard the Headmaster from the nearby school talking to the Fat Controller.

"The school bus has broken down and cannot pick up the children," said the Headmaster. "Most of the children depend on the bus to get to school!"

The Fat Controller explained that Bertie was too busy to take the children and that he hoped that the repairs to the school bus wouldn't take too long. Later, Thomas had an idea and spoke to the Fat Controller. The Fat Controller smiled and replied, "That's a splendid idea!"

Next morning, Thomas and Annie arrived at Wellsworth station to pick up some special passengers. The Fat Controller had decided that Thomas was going to be the children's school train, until the school bus had been fixed.

Every day, Thomas took

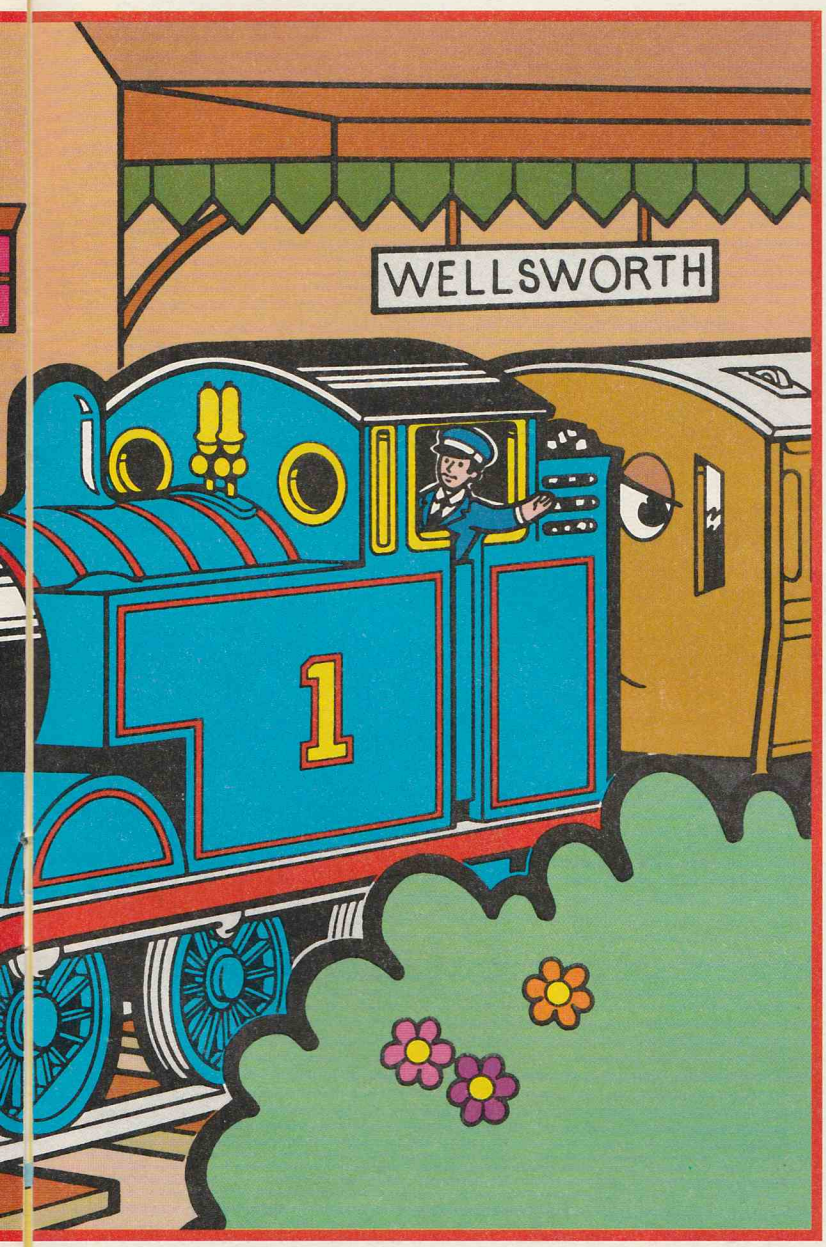
the children to and from school and the children had a great time! The other engines laughed at Thomas and said that he should have been a bus!

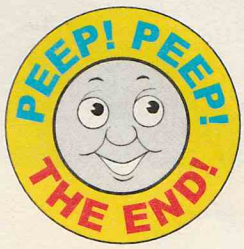
"All those noisy children!" exclaimed Daisy. "I'd sooner shunt trucks!" Thomas just smiled and ignored his engine friends.

The following week, the school bus was mended and everything at the station went back to normal. Then, one afternoon, some school children came and visited Thomas. They had made him a big thank you card. Thomas asked his driver to hang it in his shed. All of the other engines were very jealous!

"I think I scored high marks as the perfect school bus!" laughed Thomas to his driver.

"You get an 'A+' as a perfect engine, too!" replied his driver.



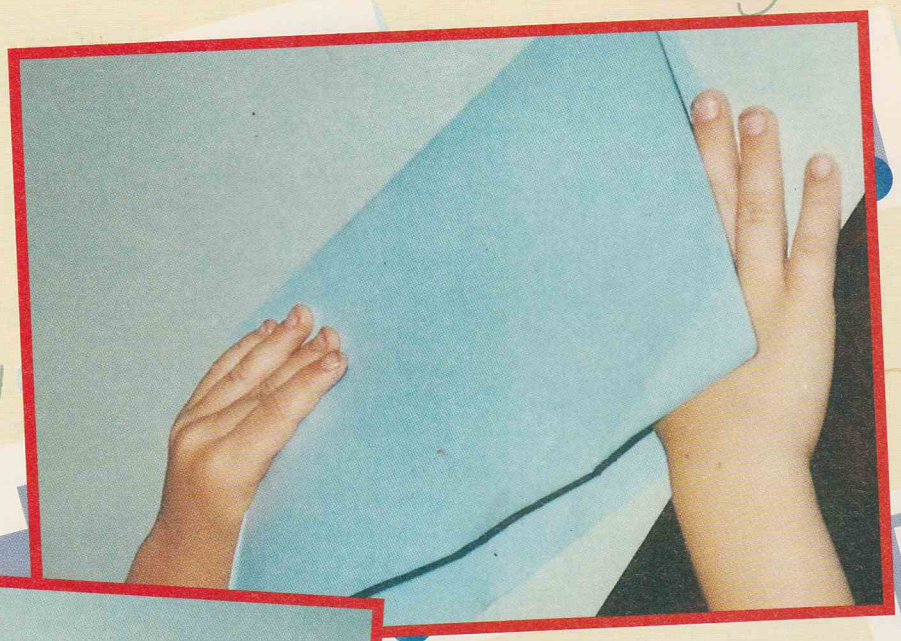

**If you know someone who's worked really hard, Why not make them a thank you card?**

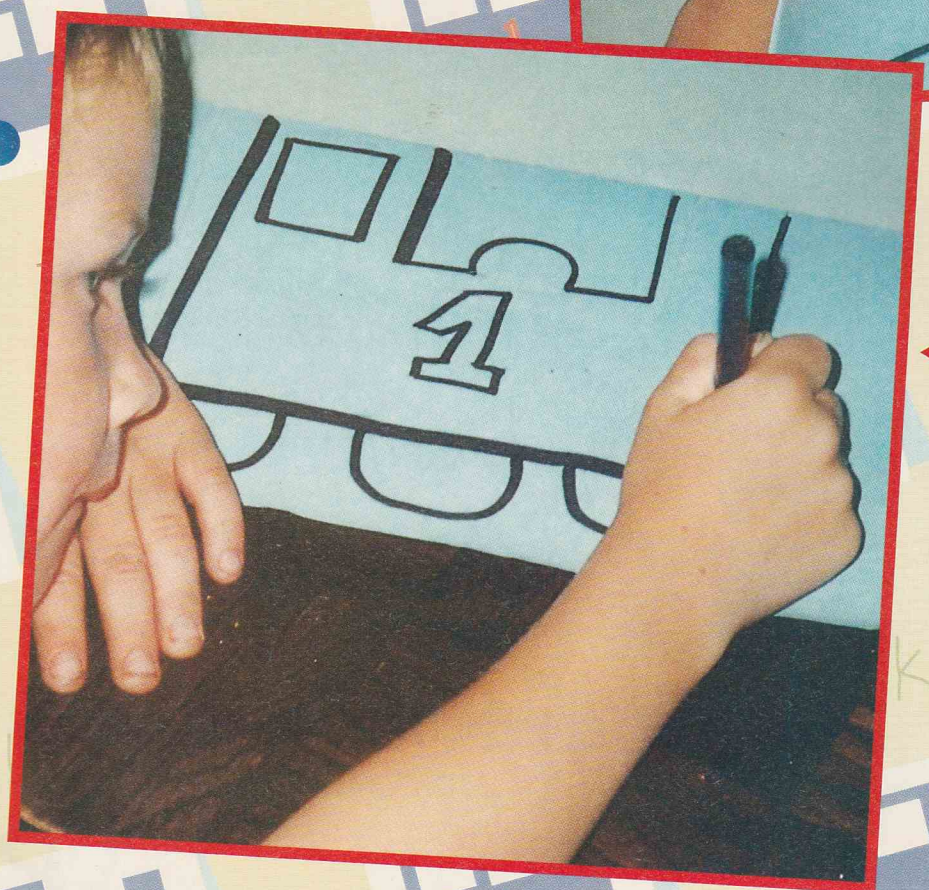
# Make a Thank yo

**You will need:**
a sheet of strong card, coloured pens or paint, coloured glitter, safe glue, round ended scissors and a pencil.

In this fun activity we are going to show you how to make a very special engine card, for you to give to someone you really like! It's easy to make and is a lovely gift for a special person!

1. Choose a sheet of coloured card and fold it in half!





2. Now, draw your engine shape. Make sure the funnel and the cab roof meet the fold in the card, like we have shown in our picture!

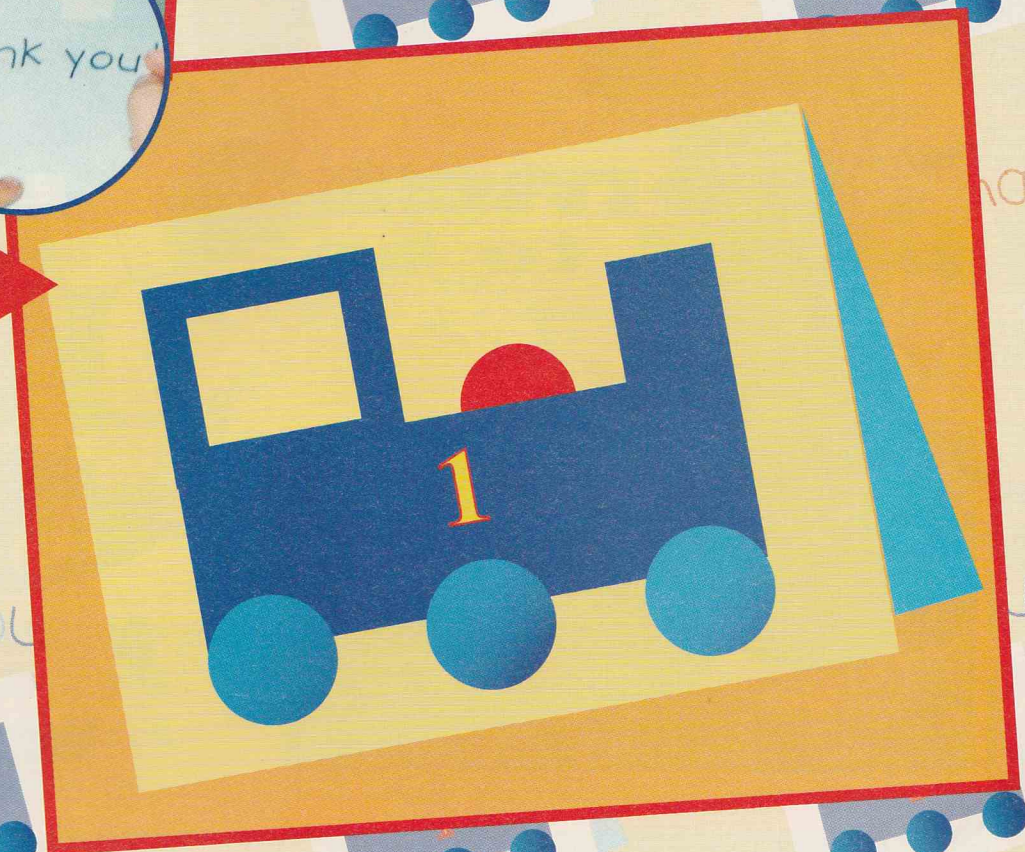
# ou card!

3. Now you can add your engine details and colour your card!

4. Ask a grown-up to carefully cut out your engine. Remember, don't cut through the fold!

5. Write your message inside!

Give your 'thank you' card to someone very special!



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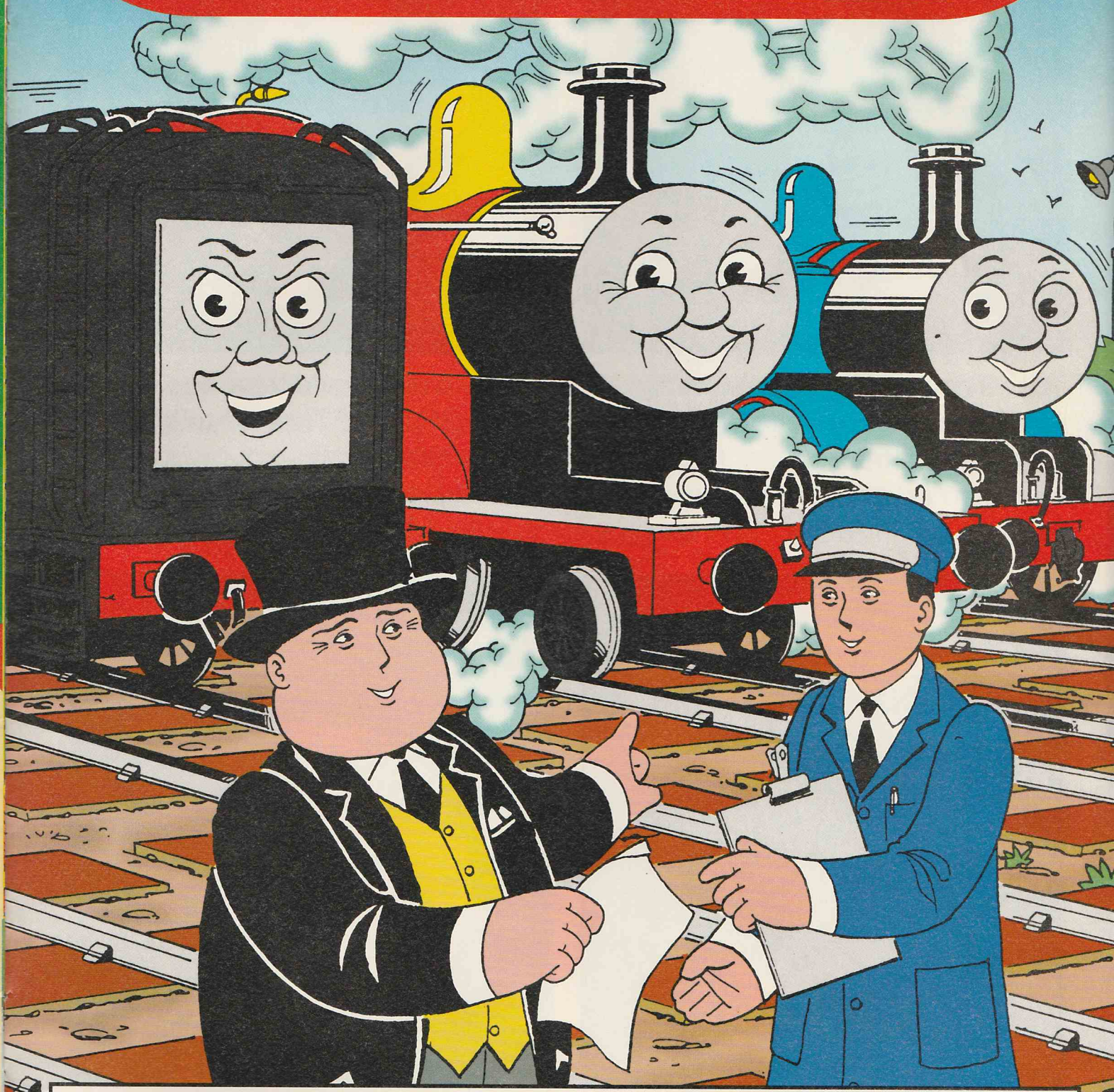
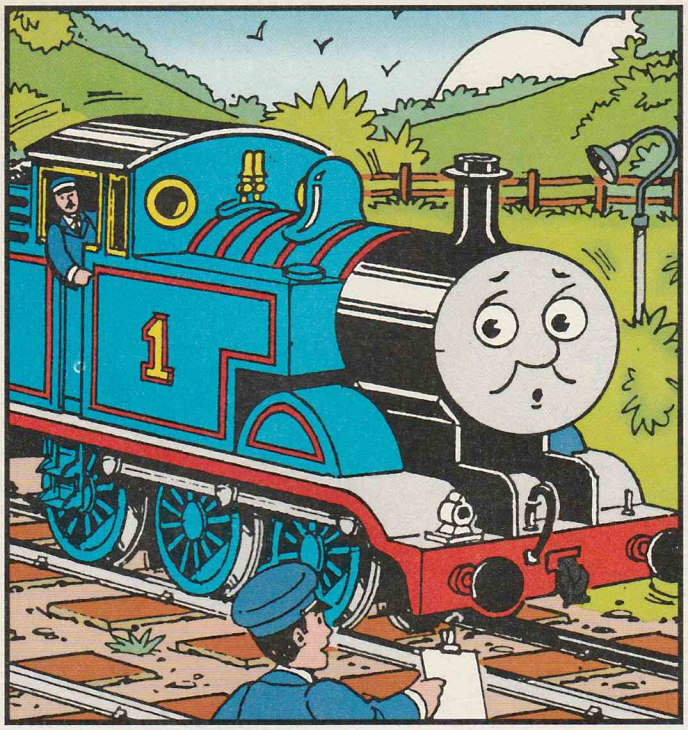


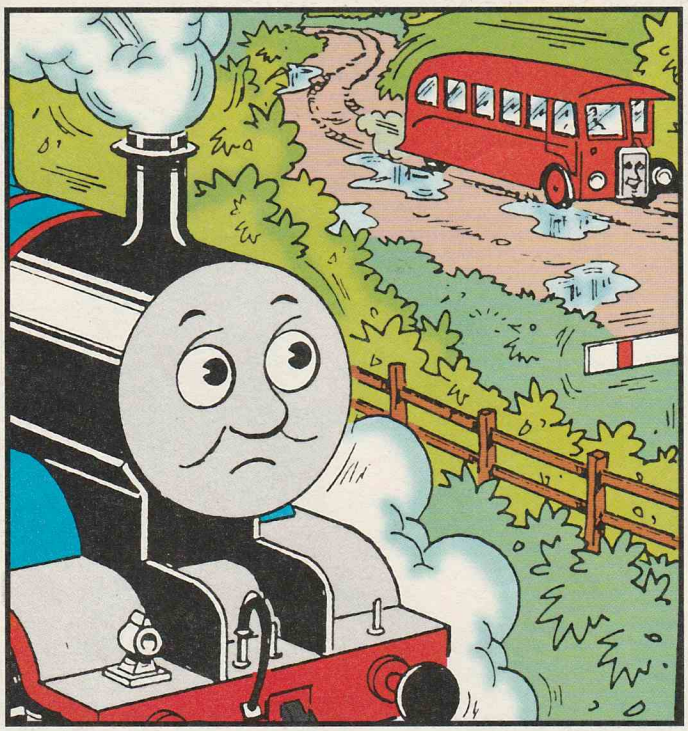
1. The Fat Controller had decided to hold a big party for the engines and their drivers. It was going to be a special treat for all their hard work on the railway!

2. He told the drivers about the party. It was to be held at the Main Station, but the Fat Controller wanted the party to be a surprise for the engines!

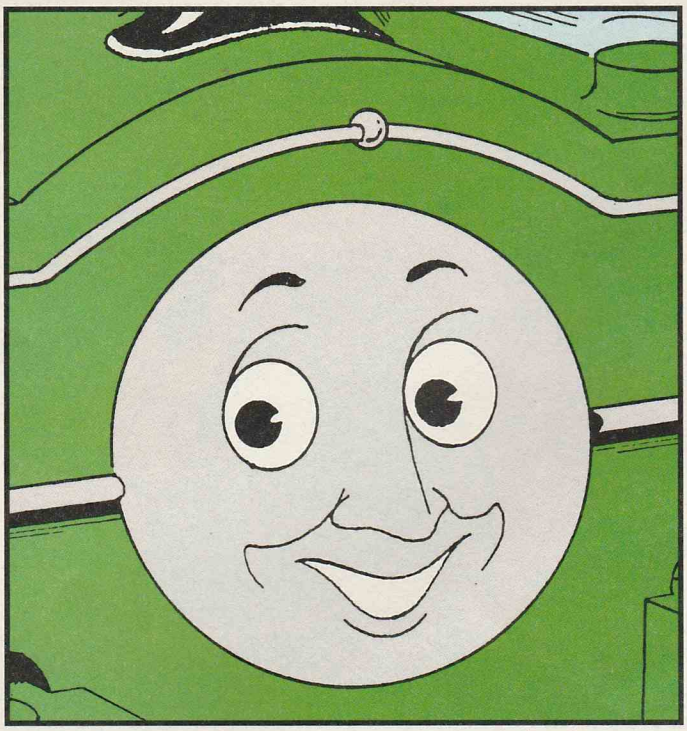



3. Thomas had been working hard all week. He had helped Percy shunt trucks from the harbour and he was feeling very tired.

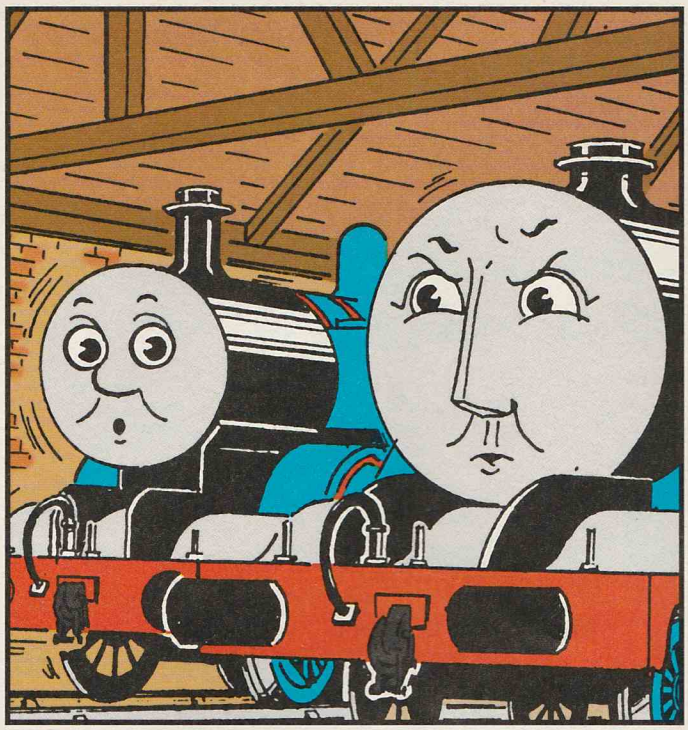
4. "I wish I could have a holiday!" puffed Thomas to his driver. "Well, you are going to have some type of break from work!" chuckled his driver.



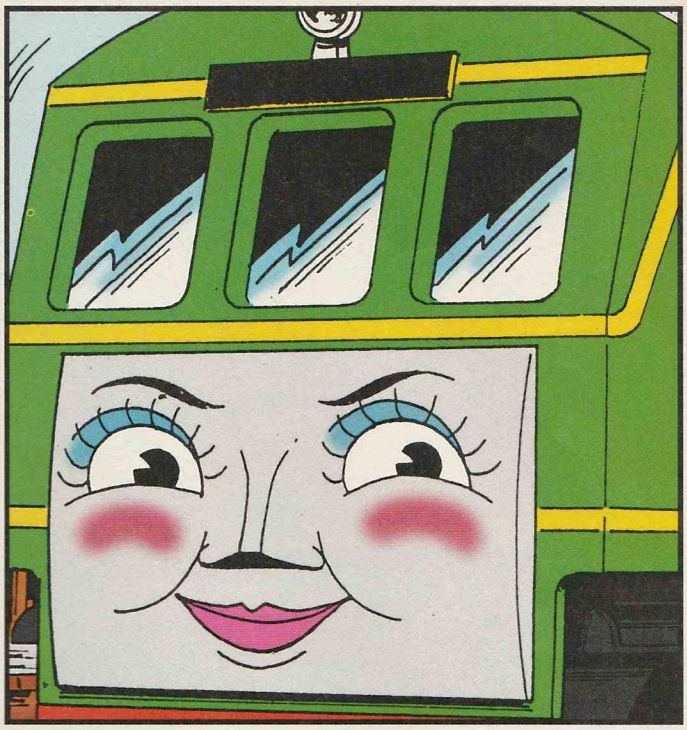
5. Thomas wondered what his driver had meant. "Engines never have holidays, unless they are being taken out of service!" he said to Bertie as he waited at a signal.



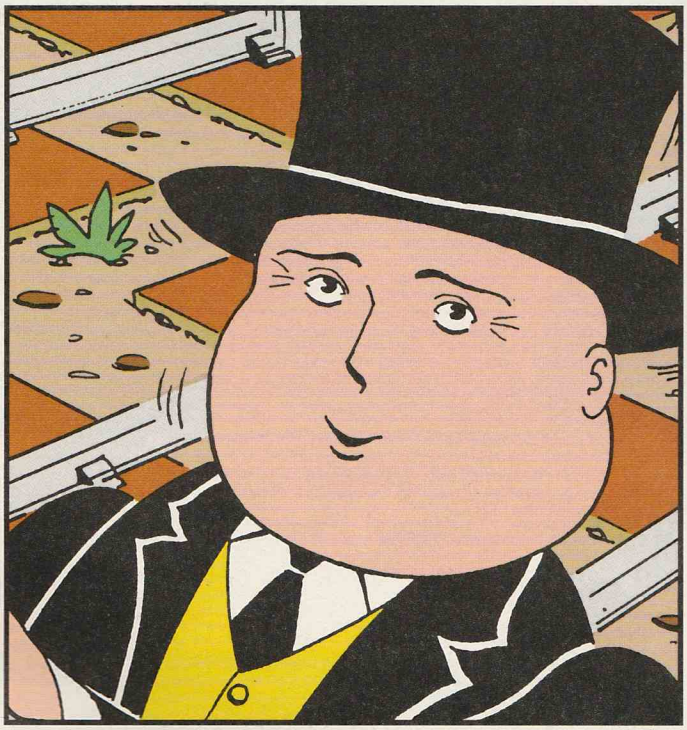
6. Bertie was puzzled. "Is Thomas going on holiday?" he asked Duck, when he saw him at the next station. "Engines don't have holidays," Duck replied.



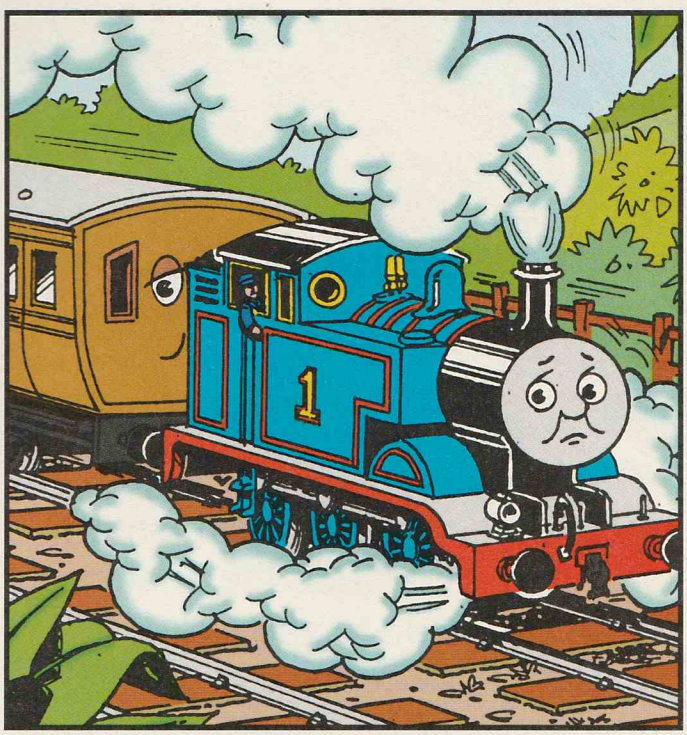
7. Soon, all the engines on the railway had heard about Thomas and his holiday. "That means only one thing; you're going out of service," snorted Gordon.



8. "The Fat Controller has finally realised that Tank Engines are old-fashioned," said Daisy. "What am I going to do?" asked Thomas. The engines didn't know.



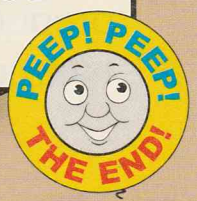
9. Meanwhile, the Fat Controller had closed the engine shed door so that no-one could see the party preparations. "I hope this cheers everyone up!" he smiled.




10. Later that evening, all the engines were sent to be washed, except Thomas. "We have to go to the harbour on a late run!" said his driver. Thomas felt very sad.

11. The other engines went to the Main Station looking very smart. When they reached the shed they were surprised to see lots of balloons and streamers. "Is this a leaving party for Thomas?" Percy asked the Fat Controller. "Thomas isn't leaving!" laughed the Fat Controller. "It's a thank you party for all of you!"

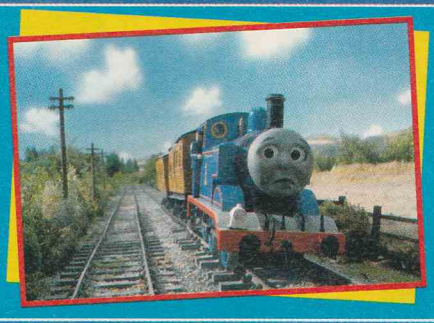
12. Thomas finally chuffed into the shed. "Peep! Peep!" whistled all his friends. "What's all this?!" Thomas cried. "Engines don't have holidays, silly!" laughed his driver. "But we can have a party!" cheered Percy and the other engines. "Besides, how can we let a Really Useful Engine like you go on holiday?"

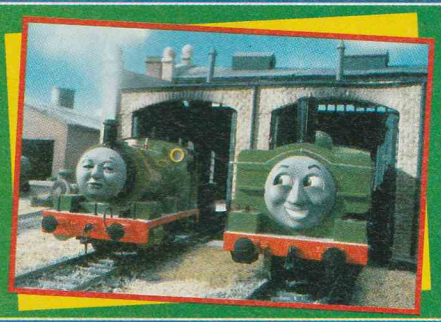


# SCAREDY ENGINES!

**Everyone feels afraid sometimes and the engines on the Island of Sodor are no different from you or me. So here are some of the stories that have turned some of the engines into Scaredy Engines!**

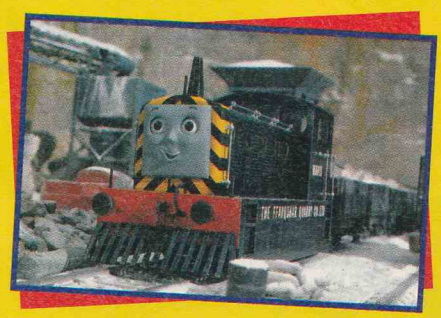
Thomas had a fright when he came across a disused mine. The ground had fallen in and Thomas almost fell down the hole! Luckily, Gordon was strong enough to pull Thomas to safety!

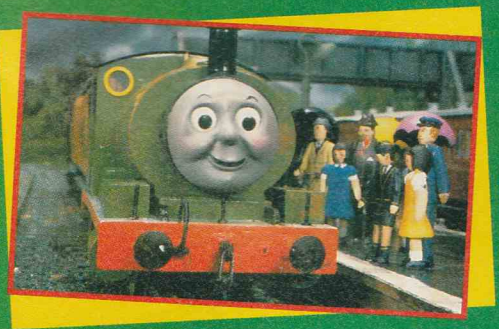




Duck was a really scaredy engine when some stormy weather caused a landslide! A section of track was damaged and if Bertie the bus hadn't warned Duck in time there might have been a nasty accident!

It's not just the engines that get scared. Mavis remembers the time she frightened the Troublesome Trucks. They were being very naughty and Mavis thought she would teach them a lesson. She made them believe that she would derail them! Of course she didn't, but the trucks were really scared!





One of the Island of Sodor's best loved scaredy engines is Percy. Percy can remember the time when he had to go through an old tunnel. It was full of spiders' webs and spooky shadows. Young Percy thought it was haunted!

# THOMAS THE TANK ENGINE & FRIENDS POSTER